Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Wednesday 08 Mar 2023 until 23:59 on Thursday 09 Mar 2023

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 07 Mar 2023 at 13:52 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for fine conditions at first but lower confidence in exact track and intensity of snowfall later Thursday and into Friday.

Headline for Wednesday 08 Mar 2023: Mainly dry, sunny but cold on Wednesday.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 08 Mar 2023

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** High Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Low Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Partly cloudy (night)	Clear night	Clear night	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Clear night	Clear night
Precipitation probability							
30%	10%	<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%

Forecast for Wednesday 08 Mar 2023

Weather: A few snow showers continuing in the far north through the day with associated low cloud but otherwise largely clear skies with prolonged sunshine. Cold but still pleasant with light winds.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 80% but 30-40% in far north.

Low cloud and visibility: Scattered low cloud in the north, bases 400-600m, with poor visibility in snow showers. Clear skies elsewhere and very good visibility.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	11/13 NE	9/11 NE	11/13 NE	7/9 E	6/9 NE	6/9 N	7/10 NE	8/10 E	6/9 E
900	10/11 NE	8/10 NE	10/12 NE	6/8 E	6/9 NE	5/8 N	7/10 NE	8/11 E	6/8 E
600	4/6 NE	4/6 NE	4/6 NE	3/5 E	4/7 NE	5/8 N	5/7 NE	6/8 E	4/7 E
300	3/9 NE	4/9 NE	3/10 NE	2/7 NE	3/8 NE	3/8 N	5/9 N	5/9 NE	4/7 NE
Glen	5/7 NE	5/7 NE	6/9 NE	2/5 NE	2/5 N	3/7 N	8/12 N	6/10 NE	5/8 NE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-9/-16	-9/-16	-9/-16	-8/-13	-7/-11	-6/-10	-8/-12	-8/-13	-8/-13
900	-9/-15	-9/-14	-9/-15	-7/-12	-6/-10	-6/-9	-7/-12	-8/-13	-8/-12
600	-7/-10	-7/-10	-7/-11	-6/-8	-4/-7	-3/-6	-5/-8	-5/-9	-6/-9
300	-6/-9	-6/-9	-7/-9	-4/-6	-1/-3	-0/-2	-3/-6	-4/-8	-5/-8
Glen	-3/-6	-3/-6	-3/-7	-2/-4	1/-0	2/0	0/-4	-1/-4	-2/-4
Freezing Level*	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Sun glare expected from the snow. Very cold temperatures, particularly at height.

Forecast for Thursday 09 Mar 2023

Weather: A fine start to the day for most of the region with clear skies but still a few lingering snow showers in the far north. A few light snow showers developing elsewhere into the afternoon. Chance of some more persistent snow and associated low cloud reaching the south of the region late evening.

Maximum wind: Light variable winds at first, increasing to easterly 20 gust 35 mph into the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 80%, decreasing to 20% in the south later in the evening.

Low cloud and visibility: Good away from showers. Scattered low cloud, base 500-700m, in association with any snow showers, with occasional poor visibility. Widespread low cloud in the south, base 300-600m, into the evening and poor visibility.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 3 rising to plus 3 Celsius.
At 800m: Minus 8 rising to minus 5 Celsius.
Freezing level: 0-200m.

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